GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONNECTING OF TOURIST SPOTS WITH AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme to connect the tourist spots of the country with air services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) :Airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines, which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes. However, with a view to connect smaller and non-metro cities including tourist spots where air strip is available by encouraging small aircraft (turbo-prop) operations, it has been decided to provide Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to such aircraft at international prices and notify ATF as a `declared good` under the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 capping levy of sales tax rate at 4%. The modalities of implementing these decision are under examination.